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SUBJECT: MAY 9 POLADS MEETING: UN CONFERENCE ON PROHIBITION
- OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

REFS: (A) USNATO 4476, (B) USNATO 2405, (C) STATE 72241

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1. REFERRING TO MAY 2-3 NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT FRG REP HAD CALLED FOR MILITARY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF MC DOCUMENTS ON SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (PARA 10, REF A), AND SAID THAT IF SUCH A REVIEW WAS DESIRED BY POLADS, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN QUICKLY IN VIEW OF AUGUST PREPCON ON THE SUBJECT.

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2. SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS, INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF REP NOTED THAT A REVIEW OF THE MC DOCUMENTS WOULD LIKELY REVIVE "SENSITIVE ISSUES", AND THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER NOT TO DELVE INTO "TROUBLED WATERS". IN ANY EVENT, HE DID NOT BELIEVE A REVIEW, IF REQUESTED BY POLADS, COULD BE CARRIED OUT PROMPTLY.
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3. ONLY FRG POLAD SPOKE IN FAVOR OF MC REVIEW AT MAY 9 MEETING.

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4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: MC DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION ARE CM(63)75, CM(89)76 AND CM(103)76. DURING DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS, ESSENTIAL US POSITIONS ON

SPECIFIC WEAPONS WERE MAINTAINED AND ARE REFLECTED THEREIN. WE BELIEVE, AND USDELMC CONCURS, THAT A REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTS COULD LEAD TO PRESSURE FROM SOME ALLIES TO TAKE MORE FORTHCOMING POSITIONS ON CERTAIN WEAPONS, WHICH US WOULD HAVE TO RESIST.

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5. ACCORDINGLY, IN CONTINUING POLADS DISCUSSION OF MC REVIEW WE WOULD PLAN TO NOTE THAT US HAS ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PRE-PREPCON CONSULTATION AMONG ALLIES IN JULY (REF C). AS TO MC REVIEW, ALLIED POSITIONS ARE ALREADY REFLECTED IN THE AGREED DOCUMENTS, AND WE SEE NO NEED TO REOPEN THE QUESTION.

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6. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR NEXT POLADS MEETING, MAY 16. BENNETT

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